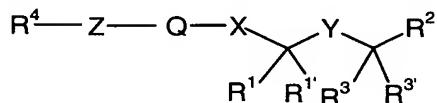


### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Compounds of formula (I):



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wherein:

Q represents an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl ring;  
X represents O, S, NR<sup>5</sup> or CR<sup>6</sup> R<sup>7</sup>;  
Y represents CHOH, CHSH, NOR<sup>8</sup>, CNR<sup>8</sup> or CNOR<sup>8</sup>;  
Z represents a bond, CR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sup>10</sup>, OCR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, CR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>O or Z,  
R<sup>4</sup> and Q together form an optionally substituted fused tricyclic group;  
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>1'</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> each independently represents H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaryl;  
R<sup>2</sup> represents CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>, CONR<sup>5</sup>OR<sup>9</sup> or NR<sup>5</sup>COR<sup>9</sup>;  
R<sup>4</sup> represents optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl;  
R<sup>5</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;  
R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> each independently represents H, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl or halo;  
R<sup>8</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl;  
R<sup>9</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl;  
R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each independently represents H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylaryl;  
and physiologically functional derivatives thereof, processes for their  
preparation, pharmaceutical formulations containing them and their use as  
inhibitors of matrix metalloproteinase enzymes (MMPs) are described.